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Re: Application of: Hitch  
Serial No.: 10/812,457  
Filed: March 30, 2004

Examiner: COLE, Elizabeth  
Art Unit: 1771  
Confirmation No. 3155  
For: NONWOVEN FIBER MATS WITH SMOOTH SURFACES AND METHOD

Sir:

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**ELECTION**

This is a response to the restriction requirement mailed September 16, 2005.  
The Examiner restricted the claims as follows:  
Group I – Claims 1-8 and 14-15 drawn to mat and laminate articles.  
Group II – Claims 9-13 drawn to a method.

Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-8 and 14-15 drawn to the articles, without traverse.

Applicants respectfully requests examination and allowance of claims 1-8 and 14-15. If the Examiner believes any amendment is required, to expedite disposal of this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at 303-978-3927 to discuss.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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